I am just getting VRS made available to the deaf residents in our nursing home which has a special program for the deaf. For various reasons most of our deaf are not able to use a traditional TDD/TTY but can still sign very well. VRS is such a blessing to them because they can now communicate with their loved ones in their own language with which they are comfortable. It is really important that appropriate rate scales are made so that the service can be made available and grow with the advancements in technology. Also, quality of the service is so important and that depends on skilled, qualified interpreters who deserve to be paid for their long hours and dedication to interpreting for a very diverse deaf community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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